# Changing City Drug Policy Developing Solutions

### A Brown Bag Discussion



## Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

#### Council Chambers

City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Entrance at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

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Please join us to learn about strategies for how the City can move toward a more effective & just drug policy.

What would an effective and just citywide drug policy look like?

#### **Brown Bag Participants**

- Kris Nyrop, public health official
- Professor Katherine Beckett, sociology professor
- D'Adre Cunningham, legal advocate
- Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske, Seattle Police Department
- Tom A. Carr, City Attorney
- A King County official
- A citizen affected under city's current drug policy
- Willie Williams, community safety advocate
- Roger Goodman, Director of Drug Policy Project of the King County Bar Association

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This brown bag discussion is a follow-up to a forum held February 28, 2002 that discussed findings of a King County Bar Association Report. *Key findings from the 2002 report included:* 

- For every dollar spent on prevention, we can save 4-5 dollars in costs for drug treatment and counseling;
- In 2002, 1/2 of King County's criminal caseload was drug-related.
- A non-violent drug crime is the most serious charge for 24% of King County Jail detainees compared with 17% in 1990.

To view the drug policy reform brown bag that was held on 2/28/02, please go to website below: http://www2.cityofseattle.net/media/DispVideoList\_SC.asp